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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES UPTURN TO THE SECOND HIGHEST LEVEL IN 16 MONTHS

New York, August 29 - - Building permits in the 200 largest cities rebounded in October to $2,899,533,662, some 2.6 percent above the previous month's level of $2,825,024,489, reports Dun & Bradstreet. This dollar volume, the second highest in sixteen months, kept 25.8 per cent ahead of its year-earlier, October 1978, pace of $2,305,383,414--marking the fourth staight month in which sizeable year-to-vear gains occurred.

Building permits for the 199 cities outside New York also upturned in October to $2,853,261,075 from $2,759,443,011 a month earlier . a 3.4 per cent advance. San Francisco, Dallas, and Toledo were among those cities showing substantial increases. San Diego, Philadelphia, and Anaheim, on the other hand, posted significant declines. Compared to a year earlier, aggregate volume in the 199 cities showed a 27.0 per cent jump over October 1978's volume of $2,247,265,414.

In contrast to the general rebound, plans filed by builders in New York City fell for the fourth month in a row in October, to $46,272,587-- 29.4 percentage points below September's $65,581,478 pace. Filings in New York also continued to lag behind their year-ago activity, down 20.4 per cent from the comparable 1978 month's total of $58,118,000.

In the first ten months of 1979, building permits reached $25,335,432,279 in the 200 largest cities, 17.3 per cent ahead of the similar year-ago period when permits hit $21,606,670,565. Contributing to this increase were all but four of the top twenty-five cities (in dollar permit total). Issuances in Boston, Seattle, Los Angeles, and Atlanta posted indivual gains ranging from $151 million to $206 million, while Houston had the largest ten-month jump, of almost $500 million.

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2. OCTOBER BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES
1976 - 1979

	1979	1978	1977	1976
January.....	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317	$ 1,155,317,475	$ 1,094,555,899
February.....	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159	1,017,644,026
March.....	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441	1,298,836,652
April.....	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353	1,418,036,240
May.....	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958	1,359,299,738
June.....	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861	1,513,262,913
July.....	2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719	1,786,583,619	1,391,463,324
August.....	2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105	1,983,733,131	1,622,806,467
September....	2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509	1,720,913,053	1,456,079,039
October.....	2,899,533,662	2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510	1,311,459,333
November.....		2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094	1,327,938,877
December.....		1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368	1,387,900,565
Total	$	$25,466,047,087	$20,994,132,022	$16,199,283,073

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Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first ten months of 1979 were:

(Millions of Dollars)

	Ten Months 1979	% Change Previous Year
1. Houston, Texas.....	1845.4	+ 36.5
2. Los Angeles, California.....	1354.6	+ 15.0
3. Dallas, Texas.....	825.5	+ 18.6
4. New York, New York.....	721.1	+ 13.9
5. Chicago, Illinois.....	650.1	+ 23.0
6. San Diego, California.....	633.1	+ 4.9
7. Phoenix, Arizona.....	597.7	+ 32.4
8. San Francisco, California.....	547.9	+ 29.8
9. Honolulu, Hawaii.....	444.6	+ 42.3
10. Seattle, Washington.....	420.6	+ 64.1
11. San Jose, California.....	392.5	+ 30.0
12. Austin, Texas.....	389.2	+ 30.4
13. Atlanta, Georgia.....	373.8	+ 122.1
14. Columbus, Ohio.....	322.1	- 20.7
15. Arlington, Texas.....	311.3	+ 32.7
16. San Antonio, Texas.....	309.3	+ 55.0
17. Fort Worth, Texas.....	299.9	+ 31.7
18. Boston, Massachusetts.....	294.9	+ 105.6
19. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	289.8	+ 27.2
20. Denver, Colorado.....	287.2	+ 21.2
21. Albuquerque, New Mexico.....	281.8	+ 21.9
22. Indianapolis, Indiana.....	273.4	- 42.1
23. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	268.6	- 3.0
24. Tulsa, Oklahoma.....	245.9	- 32.9
25. New Orleans, Louisiana	242.4	+ 41.7

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THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PRESPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		OCTOBER 1979	TEN MONTHS 1979	TEN MONTHS 1978
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK*			
	MANHATTAN	27,024,545	330,446,364	355,416,668
	BRONX	4,737,615	78,127,298	64,364,000
	BROOKLYN	2,607,225	111,533,429	97,339,203
	QUEENS	4,723,245	103,700,449	50,615,528
	RICHMOND	6,279,952	60,139,736	65,627,951
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	46,012,582	731,147,276	633,361,436
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	45,318,263	650,101,874	526,406,763
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	137,619,667	1,384,573,314	1,179,224,482
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	10,464,356	266,586,317	276,903,351
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	11,216,961	161,947,322	136,230,947
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	102,313,676	1,845,360,193	1,351,802,255
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	33,134,443	185,005,900	259,568,187
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	106,499,774	829,457,858	695,958,691
9.	WASHINGTON, D.C.	16,546,604	235,339,091	211,321,512
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	9,953,340	97,505,064	73,012,195
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	32,180,566	281,783,951	466,789,414
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	15,417,599	127,615,410	124,912,176
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	167,950,390	547,927,315	422,274,674
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	67,000,494	633,144,022	603,769,908
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	27,196,749	309,260,440	199,556,324
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	21,430,000	294,991,237	143,421,300
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	15,140,049	174,014,306	177,439,210
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	2,[illegible]	102,[illegible]	94,049,775
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	14,052,568	242,381,023	171,010,558
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	62,140,060	597,675,513	451,524,857
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	30,590,340	322,090,027	406,062,218
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	29,362,412	420,642,615	266,279,881
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	34,248,847	206,893,971	137,800,831
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	5,326,138	103,555,429	89,158,384
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	15,876,140	267,205,048	236,876,646
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	34,079,600	179,713,563	157,340,492
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	16,611,805	335,444,819	184,293,615
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	1,344,710	26,279,024	33,304,240
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	37,075,864	201,130,801	116,535,054
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	19,947,704	217,009,524	263,902,369
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	31,016,475	342,463,145	301,960,410
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	31,140,216	209,586,723	194,783,469
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	43,625,402	299,909,512	227,779,097
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	42,312,978	129,759,170	78,652,543
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	16,742,530	202,312,406	194,653,160
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	5,601,294	23,177,619	57,357,546
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	33,306,352	289,705,760	295,103,490
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	36,338,602	120,645,716	122,374,961
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	6,520,876	34,005,865	73,400,704
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	11,307,601	96,726,282	69,971,872
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	10,436,255	110,439,591	88,656,236
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	12,209,568	171,499,164	76,194,331
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	31,972,620	245,911,472	366,631,726
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	5,375,110	444,572,414	312,432,298
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	20,130,626	210,334,884	193,089,154
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	3,651,159	124,255,372	100,900,277
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	6,603,402	63,962,243	41,491,172
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	4,577,707	106,659,930	103,989,180
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	2,662,319	34,363,796	30,039,849
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	10,337,003	75,533,215	76,002,954
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	15,554,496	156,847,869	105,312,272
52.	AKRON, OHIO	4,481,038	45,930,456	44,624,160
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	22,505,559	114,126,046	120,862,832
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	7,424,329	20,301,779	4,551,190
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	16,450,036	242,175,202	172,153,827
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	62,217,200	369,201,441	298,403,852
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	6,334,776	41,631,768	46,250,619
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	17,659,725	273,384,684	224,347,513
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	5,260,426	40,567,732	34,177,804
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	20,507,163	123,696,787	122,317,076
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	24,176,700	69,359,093	62,985,765
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	10,364,492	146,649,299	115,232,725
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	720,674	10,303,761	16,283,394
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	15,352,196	98,812,422	53,800,805
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	12,596,225	62,135,838	50,440,694
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	7,926,672	50,003,994	21,169,348
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	4,373,149	40,862,664	45,130,313
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	16,230,154	92,821,696	68,847,826
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	11,409,356	104,236,343	177,879,998
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	963,072	6,973,665	13,428,809
71.	[illegible]	867,500	29,370,685	26,899,250
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	13,602,260	70,740,752	60,353,773
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	3,921,527	15,765,219	20,613,436
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	34,633,433	149,844,955	85,285,046
75.	GARY, INDIANA	702,391	20,728,508	9,675,208
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	9,950,262	73,110,268	121,644,800
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	12,092,460	61,719,356	63,793,642
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	30,778,923	229,822,906	220,683,418
79.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	25,247,066	144,862,405	101,091,150
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	2,881,880	52,415,461	64,577,371
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	11,292,654	150,673,998	144,777,426
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	14,125,001	183,444,967	171,951,337
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	14,997,296	153,309,[illegible]	148,277,434
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	1,807,637	49,174,025	15,872,887
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	6,273,152	57,039,440	41,674,012
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	7,772,914	71,870,886	97,279,760
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	929,375	16,021,336	14,293,108
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	23,416,862	122,079,017	65,633,125
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	3,943,219	42,645,782	54,813,355
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	10,363,510	73,300,377	84,881,057
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	6,105,374	69,591,228	71,413,177
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	9,124,963	99,580,597	111,762,820
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	4,065,101	44,518,877	32,559,693
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	455,595	12,075,812	11,405,241
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	9,220,458	70,387,853	65,764,500
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	6,322,756	67,141,663	41,025,863
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	277,739	12,293,408	12,912,266
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	20,864,585	92,898,240	55,136,503
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	2,945,801	26,198,673	37,621,563
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	13,759,925	52,536,952	35,061,960
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	3,368,895	54,076,013	42,742,425
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	3,688,238	18,279,813	19,262,595
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	23,564,308	140,694,505	184,550,773
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	4,904,280	34,318,450	33,027,070
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	2,836,000	41,272,200	27,655,600
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NO. CAR.	28,229,161	75,612,019	70,965,122
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	3,[illegible]14,156	34,010,968	65,336,588
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	12,717,827	111,457,606	70,605,777
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	3,846,749	55,172,040	34,395,750
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	2,049,550	21,347,593	15,360,210
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	5,339,174	70,586,054	104,080,545
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	2,699,860	43,057,676	55,594,670
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	6,440,463	130,148,915	147,217,152
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	5,566,362	36,596,147	25,716,695
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	5,220,935	49,648,341	34,444,178
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	3,412,568	41,166,777	51,516,143
117.	MACON GEORGIA	22,586,779	65,502,506	32,962,619
118.	RALEIGH, NO. CAR.	13,250,715	116,032,145	108,173,290
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	4,115,549	39,333,135	35,116,642
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	4,095,240	7,630,092	30,703,141
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	15,765,457	67,561,246	75,270,857
122.	SAVANAH, GEORGAI	11,520,090	45,556,540	20,091,602
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	2,208,596	27,876,618	17,470,454
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA	24,918,645	92,470,428	98,805,468
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	6,253,333	66,051,988	65,396,296
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	2,136,555	15,812,119	11,921,019
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	1,408,704	16,051,567	35,006,869
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	5,277,286	50,590,069	53,609,946
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	304,310	6,604,743	5,514,317
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	2,791,869	27,463,640	46,115,256
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	2,089,265	28,129,552	20,067,224
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	2,329,267	23,417,778	54,919,795
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	3,592,615	36,657,435	59,321,775
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	10,080,594	89,244,059	61,925,833
135.	DANTON, OHIO	2,336,657	29,487,361	20,368,702
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	2,241,889	19,406,899	22,230,416
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	12,646,280	155,599,948	48,458,589
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	11,263,094	113,745,704	120,598,956
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	1,150,675	11,576,259	11,961,233
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	802,477	24,389,679	10,641,903
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	24,112,633	149,530,995	145,041,752
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	2,621,804	104,752,350	67,070,627
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	467,35[illegible]	5,312,014	5,027,726
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	16,460,595	76,119,324	72,461,685
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	2,304,740	30,220,427	40,544,749
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	1,[illegible]35,[illegible]	8,245,[illegible]	[illegible]
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	661,435	3,300,379	16,405,340
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	6,086,211	40,609,722	18,284,638
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	769,229	14,552,401	7,395,774
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	12,201,800	141,479,100	141,631,100
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	3,446,331	24,074,101	23,576,738
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	1,230,126	27,714,300	31,757,162
153.	PARMA, OHIO	2,[illegible]5,[illegible]	29,558,250	12,674,255
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	5,344,741	34,177,446	30,801,171
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	19,530,539	74,401,366	45,411,957
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	3,[illegible]22,[illegible]	25,[illegible]11,[illegible]	45,344,[illegible]
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	9,475,019	121,176,140	57,929,[illegible]4
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	1,[illegible]55,660	30,747,439	29,841,417
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	22,757,874	88,831,542	59,316,299
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	748,585	6,011,174	3,689,565
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	4,750,434	43,239,679	32,598,942
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	7,260,563	84,545,902	107,166,597
163.	WACO, TEXAS	4,[illegible]09,330	77,000,921	34,379,161
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	3,[illegible]98,216	19,963,763	14,120,471
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	2,087,310	20,841,039	22,968,600
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	12,[illegible]96,879	71,824,329	66,114,011
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	5,[illegible]97,451	61,065,[illegible]37	60,426,232
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	3,176,762	22,356,253	23,656,357
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	1,014,068	10,465,905	19,218,373
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	864,330	6,323,530	13,679,450
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	3,220,[illegible]35	54,[illegible]40,766	42,331,195
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	142,495	7,457,047	4,870,055
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	1,304,955	42,578,052	14,046,936
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	60,395,038	311,285,197	234,602,365
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	33,991	24,[illegible]78,767	40,592,246
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	1,101,447	[illegible],317,508	5,415,[illegible]77
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	1,610,195	17,121,[illegible]98	15,002,245
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	6,305,470	53,363,175	37,042,575
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	9,287,370	30,114,[illegible]66	54,503,359
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	2,[illegible]53,302	[illegible],356,450	57,171,088
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	503,493	13,335,[illegible]13	15,373,959
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	2,610,991	55,411,477	35,243,150
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	1,383,[illegible]38	4,566,[illegible]85	5,405,911
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	1,737,004	21,169,157	17,[illegible],158
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	13,453,580	139,445,[illegible]36	58,596,[illegible]15
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	222,765	4,774,465	4,[illegible],[illegible]5
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	4,521,130	12,251,666	[illegible],667,448
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	3,655,936	53,815,517	35,139,080
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	2,556,698	30,603,588	31,685,369
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	9,385,155	38,225,335	125,767,205
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	741,566	8,553,430	12,269,356
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	14,823,694	80,445,244	46,478,547
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	1,321,144	35,166,835	32,704,837
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	1,089,503	14,663,516	21,208,360
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	2,345,177	24,569,233	16,465,144
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	4,513,658	42,980,396	75,273,074
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	435,610	15,000,375	54,610,563
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	799,416	30,734,459	30,653,098
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	724,530	9,697,620	7,648,250
200.	PONTICA, MICHIGAN	721,914	47,623,960	11,532,596
	TOTALS: 200 LARGEST CITIES LISTED ABOVE	2,809,533,662	28,339,243,298	21,606,470,565

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